

PER CAPITA MEDICAL EXPENDITURES

On a per capita basis, DOC medical expenditures increased 6.7% in FY 2002, increased .3% in FY 2003, increased 6.1% in FY 2004 and increased by 5.2% in FY 2005. It is very difficult to predict medical costs, however generally speaking the fluctuations may be attributed to inflation, rising inpatient medical service costs, an aging offender population and the annualized cost of medical services contracts initiated in FY 2004. Despite the overall increase in medical expenditures, the Department experienced a significant reduction in the cost of HIV drugs due to the 340B program with VCU Health Services.

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